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President Wilson's Inaugural Speech Today Startles The Entire Country

**"More Immediate Association"
In The War, Is The
Keynote**

**He Outlines
World Peace**

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 5.—President Wilson in his inaugural speech today sounded a new doctrine of world peace but also warned the country that the United States may acquire "MORE IMMEDIATE ASSOCIATION" with war than mere armed neutrality.

HE spoke to unite America through spirited action, and voiced the view that this must be Americanism steeped in a World Spirit instead of the isolated national view of the past.

His principles for world peace called for: Limitation of world armament; equal interest and responsibility of all nations for maintaining peace, equality of all nations in all matters, rights and privileges, and the destruction of armed balance of power. That all the world should support no other power than those that consented to "Government derived, for all just powers, from the consent of the governed". Freedom of the seas equally, and the crushing of any attempt, within a nation, to organize, or assist, revolution against another nation.

CHEERS FOLLOW PRESIDENT ALONG PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

(BY UNITED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—In an open carriage drawn by four horses, in true colonial fashion, President Wilson at 11 o'clock drove through the great iron gates of the White House, down Pennsylvania Avenue, between massed lanes of frantic Americans, to the Capitol, where, after witnessing the swearing-in of his second-in-command, Vice-President Marshall, he was to take his formal oath of office.

Mrs. Wilson following a precedent set by Mrs. Taft, rode to the Capitol with her husband.

The President's carriage was surrounded by a personal escort of the 2nd Cavalry, and was followed by the Vice-President's carriage, also drawn by 4 horses, escorted by the famous black horse troop of the Culver Military Institute of Indiana, Marshall's home state.

A third carriage contained the President's military aides and inaugural officials.

As the small party clattered down the flag decked way, storms of cheers followed him along the historic way. The President frequently arose and, hat in hand, acknowledged the acclamation.

Arriving at the Capitol, President and Mrs. Wilson and Vice President and Mrs. Marshall were met by a special committee of Senators and Representatives and escorted to the President's Room and the Vice-President's Room, both just off the Senate chamber.

Immediately afterward they proceeded under a distinguished escort of Congressmen to the Senate Chamber. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Marshall were escorted to a specially prepared section of the Senate gallery, to witness the ceremony of swearing-in the Vice-President and the new Senators. Custom forbids the floor of the Senate to women of all ranks.

Arriving at the Senate chamber, an attendant announced: "The President of the United States."

President Wilson entered and, proceeding to the front of the chamber,

was seated before the great marble rostrum of the Vice-President.

Here, Senator Saulsbury of Delaware President pro-tempore of the Senate, administered the oath of office to the Vice-President.

As the brief ceremony which inducted her husband into the second highest office the nation can accord, was completed, Mrs. Marshall, from the gallery waved a tiny handkerchief down to the Vice-President.

The Vice-President then assumed his chair as President of the Senate, and in turn administered the oath of fidelity to the incoming Senators. There were 32 Senators-elect or re-elected to take the oath.

Following the ceremonies in the Senate Chamber, the President followed by the entire company, proceeded to the East Portico of the Capitol, where the final swearing-in of the President was to be held.

A vast expanse of flag-draped stands completely covered the side of the great building.

Wave after wave of applause swept the stands as 1200 midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy up the avenue in close formation. Uncle Sam's embryo Admirals—400 more of them this year than at President Wilson's first inaugural—were in full uniform, their heavy blue sea coats, brass buttons and white gloves, presenting a striking picture. And for sea-fighters, they found their "land legs" very well as line after line passed in perfect formation.

Coming abreast of the Presidential stand, the midships saluted and received from President Wilson a cordial acknowledgement, Mrs. Wilson, and Cabinet ladies with her, waved their handkerchiefs enthusiastically.

The midships were followed by the West Point cadet corps—700 strong—in full regimental regalia. Their historic gray pea jacket uniforms, crossed over the chest with white straps, and the tall grenadier caps, brought forth enthusiasm. Six companies of the young officers swept by President Wilson also greeted them cordially.

Arriving on the Presidential stand the President, flanked by the justices of the Supreme Court, Governors of

STAGE SET FOR DEPARTURE OF GOVERNOR HIRAM JOHNSON TO NATIONAL CAPITAL

(BY UNITED PRESS)

SACRAMENTO, Cal. Mar. 5.—With the departure of Hiram Johnson from the Governor's chair here to don his Senatorial toga in Washington there steps into National office one of California's most remarkable men; and one who has been a national figure for several years.

Perhaps no more significant characterization of the man could be given than the fact that he carries the heritage of his years ago as governor, a long program of full progressive legislation and a thoroughly progressive legislature in this boss-ridden state to carry into effect more of the people's progressive ideas.

Ever since Johnson, a stocky man of medium height with a sharp staccato voice and a jerkily eloquent forefinger ran for vice-president with Theodore Roosevelt he has bulked large in the nation as a progressive who progressed as per progressive schedule.

In those three paragraphs you get the picture of Johnson as his friends see him. He has enemies who paint him less agreeably and acquaintance who view him as a composite of the two; but all factions agree that Johnson is a "comer" in political affairs. It was around Johnson and his attitude toward the late republican candidate Hughes that the decisive California political tempest raged in the recent Presidential election. What Johnson will do in Washington remains to be seen, as Johnson does not press agent his plans.

When William D. Stephens steps into the California gubernatorial shoes that Johnson vacates he will have behind him a legislature so strongly Progressive that he will probably have little difficulty carrying out the policies inaugurated by Johnson.

The business of approving or vetoing measures passed by the present session of the legislature will fall to Stephens.

BRAZILIAN STATE, ABOUT CALI- FORNIA'S SIZE, A SOLID BED OF COAL

(BY UNITED PRESS)

RIO de JANEIRO, March 6.—On his return from a trip to the interior today the Brazilian Minister of industries declared that the state of Minas Geraes (about the size of California) is practically one solid bed of coal. Imported bituminous coal (the only available kind) is selling in this city for twenty five dollars a ton.

States, Senators and Representatives, Ambassadors and Ministers Plenipotentiary of foreign governments, ranking officers of the land and naval forces of the United States and members of his cabinet, received the oath from Chief Justice White of the Supreme Court.

From the President's appearance until the assembled company was seated and the Chief Justice rose to administer the final ceremony, continuous applause swept around the stand. Hundreds of thousands of people massed the great plaza, overflowing in to the Capitol grounds in a great surging sea of humanity.

As the President, however, facing the Chief Justice, repeated the words permitted only to the nation's highest, the applause seemed to die away, and as the first citizen raised his hand in solemn assent, there was silence among the thousands.

Soon, however, the crowd burst the leashes of reserve and as the President stepped forward to deliver his inaugural address—his second—he was forced to pause to acknowledge the tribute.

Following his address, the President, Mrs. Wilson, and the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall returned up Pennsylvania Avenue at a brisk gallop to the White House, where they were refreshed by a light luncheon before entering the reviewing stand.

At the President's departure from the Capitol, the great procession started to form and move slowly westward toward the executive mansion.

EAT HALF A POUND OF BON BONS WITH YOUR BREAKFAST—SHE SAYS

(BY UNITED PRESS)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 5.—Eat chocolate for breakfast; half a pound of them will make you feel better and put you in cheerier spirits than a regular breakfast of bacon and eggs and grapefruit. That is what Miss Eunice Hughes advocates and does. She has kept it up several months and likes her early morning box of chocolates better now than ever. Eat soft chocolates and start with ice water.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES (By Henry Wood)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
THANN, Alsace, Feb. 2.—By Mail

—Just about the happiest girls in the world today are the girls of Alsace; who, years ago, following their first communion, secretly hid away their white communion veils to be worn again in welcoming the French troops back to Alsace—should that happy event ever come.

Today, these girls in that portion of Alsace which has been reconquered by the French, are supremely happy, because they are girls whose dreams have come true.

Some of the younger ones had only a few years in which to dream and to wait, but amongst the long lines of white robed and white veiled girls and women, who welcomed the French troops on their arrival at Thann in August, 1914, there were some who had cherished their communion veils for over forty years.

And now that this happy dream has come true, the white communion veils are again being laid away for another happy dream that promises not to be so long in coming. This is the marriage between Alsacian girls and French Soldiers who have redeemed their province for France, and already in the town of Thann alone four of these marriages have taken place, when white veils, worn at the first communion, then to welcome the French soldiers back to Alsace, were finally worn for the third and last time at the marriage ceremony which symbolized anew the union of France and Alsace.

The brides in these happy events had the additional pleasure of having the civil marriage ceremony performed by a gallant French Captain, who having lost his right arm in the fighting to redeem Thann, now serves as the French military mayor, whilst the religious ceremony was performed by French priests who came in the wake of the French army.

MARSHALL FIFTH VICE- PRESI- DENT TO SUCCEED HIMSELF

(BY UNITED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—For but the fifth time in the history of the United States, a Vice-President was inaugurated to succeed himself, when Thos. W. Marshall, of Indiana, at noon today subscribed to the oath of office as President Wilson's second in command.

But four other Vice-Presidents have ever been chosen for a second term of office. They were: John Adams, first Vice-President; George Clinton, under Presidents Jefferson, and Madison, and who died during his second term; Daniel C. Tompkins, under President Monroe; and John C. Calhoun, under Presidents John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson, and who resigned to enter the Senate following his re-election.

Vice-President Marshall, although overshadowed by President Wilson, received today his goodly share of the nation's tribute. By strictest impartiality as President of the Senate during the stormy sessions of the past Administration, the Vice President has gained the respect of the upper house, and the warm friendship of the men who run things in Washington.

11:45, the robed justices of the Supreme Court filed into the Senate, and took places directly before the Vice-President's rostrum.

Following prayer by the chaplain of the Senate, the special session was called to order, and Sen. Saulsbury administered the oath. The Senators and members then adjourned to attend the administering the Presidential oath.

Mayor Keech Is Improving Entire State Shocked Over Saturday's Tragedy

TARBORO SETTLING TO NORMAL CONDITION

BRANDS GERMAN PLOTTERS AS VILLAINS

London, March 3.—The disclosure of the German plot in America continues the chief theme in the news and editorial columns of the newspapers. The Westminster Gazette, which brands the plot as "fantastic villainy," says: "It has all the clumsiness, all the malice and shallow cunning of the other machinations of the same kind that we disclosed in Egypt, India and Ireland Clumsy and stupid as this document is, there could hardly be more explosive matter packed into short space, or so much warning offered in a few words to Americans of what is at stake for them in the European war."

The Standard says: "The United States is only experiencing a little of what Great Britain suffered during a period of profound peace. German agents labored long and assiduously to foment trouble in India, in South Africa, in Persia, in Afghanistan and in North Africa, while Germany lulled British opinion into unsuspecting repose."

"The wickedness of secret diplomacy," is the moral the Manchester Guardian draws and which it believed most people will draw, from the account of German intrigues in Mexico.

"President Wilson would seem to have drawn it," the newspaper says, "and we are inclined to think the publication of the story the most significant thing that has happened between neutrals and Germany since the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany."

NEW YORK COPS BEGIN STUDY OF LAW AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, March 5.—Members of the New York Police Department today began to study law at Columbia University. Commissioner Woods made a special arrangement with the Columbia Law School whereby the entire course will cost each policeman only \$16, with \$8, additional for books.

The course will last for sixteen weeks with one two hour period each week. Some law has heretofore been taught at the police training school, out of the idea of an advanced course came from the policemen themselves. The law course will not be required by the department. It will be entirely optional with the man himself and must be pursued in hours when he is off duty.

The courses are given with the idea of training the policemen in the law as it is applied to his own particular duties so he may have a better understanding of his job.

Tarboro March 5.

It is reported that the condition of Mayor J. P. Keech, who was seriously wounded Saturday while assisting police officers in making a raid upon the home of W. C. Nelson is reported as being more favorable this morning. Mayor Keech was shot in the back, the ball going into his right lung. Dr. Hubert Royster of Raleigh arrived last night to attend him, but concluded that an operation at this time would not be advisable, the ball being too near the region of the heart. There is danger of his condition resulting in a hemorrhage, blood poison or pneumonia, and this increases the anxiety. However, in the event no complications set in, there is a hope held out for his recovery.

Policeman Hanson Gwatney and Pat Riggins, who were almost instantly killed in the raid in which Mayor Keech took part, will be buried tomorrow. The town bought a plot in the cemetery and both bodies will be placed in the same grave.

Nelson is still being held in jail. There were rumors current to the effect that a mob was forming for the purpose of taking Nelson from the jail. Nelson said that if he were killed by a mob it would have to be in jail and nowhere else.

"Bob", Nelson, as he is generally known, came from Pitt county, and several years ago was a saloon keeper in Robersonville, and while there had a difficulty with a man in Bethel, whom he shot and killed.

He is known to be a man that will stop at nothing, when crossed and he even threatened one of the leading citizens of Tarboro, which might have ended disastrously had not sheriff Hyatt intervened, and the matter was patched up.

Nelson is related to a number of people in this section who are among the best, but this man has been a somewhat ostracised member of society for sometime, as it was suspected he was illicitly selling liquor.

The people generally are sorry for his wife and five children, and it was this feature of the case, more than anything else that prevented the crowd from taking summary action last Saturday night.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Governors from many states gathered here today to consider plans for the establishment in Washington of a permanent States exposition of state industries' products.

Endorsement of the plan is expected. That action probably will be followed by the introduction in the various state legislatures of bills providing the necessary appropriations.